

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1 through 15 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please enter Claims 16 through 19 to read, as follows.

Claims 1 through 15. **(Canceled)**

--16. **(New)** A toner supply container detachably mountable to an image forming apparatus, said toner supply container comprising:

a container body for containing toner;

a shutter for closing and opening an opening which is provided in said container body, said shutter including a first gear portion for meshing engagement with a first gear member, which is provided in the image forming apparatus;

a rotatable member, which is rotatable relative to a main body of said toner supply container to produce a driving force for opening and closing said shutter, said rotatable member including a second gear portion for meshing engagement with a second gear member, which is provided in the image forming apparatus, said first gear member and said second gear member being rotatable together; and

a projection, which is provided on said rotatable member, for receiving a force for pre-rotating said rotatable member through a predetermined angle in a direction of opening said shutter, from the image forming apparatus in response to a mounting operation of said toner supply container to the image forming apparatus,

wherein said rotatable member is rotatable through a predetermined angle in a direction of closing said shutter from a position at which said first gear portion is in meshing engagement with the first gear member, and

wherein said projection enables disengagement between said first gear portion and the second gear member so as to substantially prevent said second gear portion from rotating the second gear member in a dismounting operation of said toner supply container from the image forming apparatus.

17. (New) A toner supply container according to Claim 16, further comprising a locking member for locking said rotatable member so as to allow a permissible predetermined amount of rotation, said locking member releasing said rotatable member upon completion of a mounting operation of said toner supply container to the image forming apparatus.

18. (New) A toner supply container according to Claim 16, wherein said main body is mounted substantially non-rotatably to the image forming apparatus.

19. (New) A toner supply container according to Claim 16, wherein said shutter is disengageable with a main assembly shutter for opening and closing a toner receiving opening provided in the image forming apparatus,

wherein said shutter and the main assembly shutter are movable integrally with each other.--